

I CLAIM:

1 1. In combination with a grounded support and a smart
2 card, a card holder comprising:

3 a dielectric base fixed to the support and formed with
4 a throughgoing cutout;

5 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold
6 the card and pivotal on the base between an open position
7 partially raised from the base and a closed position closely
8 juxtaposed with the base and covering the cutout; and

9 ground contacts carried on and electrically connected
10 to the cover and positioned to engage through the cutout directly
11 with the base in the closed position of the cover.

1 2. The card holder defined in claim 1 wherein the
2 ground contacts are of the same material as the cover.

1 3. The card holder defined in claim 2 wherein the
2 ground contacts are formed as spring fingers.

1 4. The card holder defined in claim 2 wherein the
2 ground contacts are unitary with the cover.

1 5. The card holder defined in claim 2 wherein the
2 ground contacts are formed at an edge of the cover.

1 6. The card holder defined in claim 1 wherein the
2 ground contacts are offset from the card slot.

1 7. In combination with a grounded support and a smart
2 card, a card holder comprising:
3 a dielectric base fixed to the support;
4 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold
5 the card and pivotal on the base between an open position
6 partially raised from the base and a closed position closely
7 juxtaposed with the base; and
8 latch means between the cover and the base for
9 releasably securing the cover in the closed position and
10 including a grounded element on the base engageable with the
11 cover only in the closed position.

1 8. The card holder defined in claim 7 wherein the
2 grounded element is an latching tab fixed to the base.

1 9. The card holder defined in claim 8 wherein the tab
2 is formed with a tongue engageable with the cover and holding it
3 against the base only in the closed position.

1 10. The card holder defined in claim 8 wherein the
2 base includes a contact connected to the grounded support and to
3 the tab.

1 11. The card holder defined in claim 8 wherein the tab
2 has a part imbedded in the base.

1 12. In combination with a grounded support and a smart
2 card, a card holder comprising:
3 a dielectric base fixed to the support;
4 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold
5 the card and pivotal on the base between an open position
6 partially raised from the base and a closed position closely
7 juxtaposed with the base; and
8 a hinge having a part on the base connected to the
9 grounded support and a part on the integral with the cover in
10 electrically conductive engagement with the part on the base.